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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 7, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on page 13, lines 4-17, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--The metal-oxidizing agent may include hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), nitric acid, potassium periodate, hypochlorous acid, ozone water, and the like. In the case when the substrate is a silicon substrate having devices for integrated circuits, any contamination due to alkali metals, alkaline earth metals or halides is not desirable,